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SALES OF COPPER ORES.

COPPER ORES SOLD AT SWANSEA FOR THE QUARTER ENDING
DECEMBER, 1863.

	BRITISH.	Tons.	Amount.
Knockmuckton	1055	£11,191 15 0	
Berehaven	1212	10,524 0 0	
Regulus and sundries	400	2,457 0 0	
Leaky	235	1,255 0 0	
Cappagh	87	632 1 6	
Ballycunnisk	81	570 7 6	
Comorrore	180	438 14 0	
London	115	270 5 0	
Gourock	21	106 12 0	
Crosbane	3	34 10 0	
Tigrony	3	33 11 0	
Total	3478	£27,334 19 0	
COLONIAL.			
Cape Copper	487	£14,844 0 0	
Maonta	182	2,384 9 0	
Fortane	148	1,958 5 0	
Geilkerash	53	1,169 11 0	
West Australia	4	494 7 0	
Wolmoe	3	141 10 0	
Gwalla	3	102 6 8	
Bathurst	2	37 18 0	
Victoria Sing	7	28 0 0	
African	2	26 8 0	
Total	923	£21,187 4 0	
FOREIGN.			
Cobre	1805	£25,763 6 0	
Cuba	1147	16,933 10 0	
Sestri	288	3,007 7 0	
Norway	703	1,303 5 8	
Preclpitato	11	66 2 6	
Victor Emanuel	52	516 12 0	
Soller	95	231 1 0	
Italian	12	184 0 0	
Cassil	9	113 7 0	
Total	4157	£48,627 0 6	
RECAPITULATION.			
British	3478	£27,334 19 0	
Colonial	923	21,187 4 0	
Foreign	4157	48,627 0 6	
Total	8568	£97,249 3 6	
COMPANIES BY WHOM THE ORES WERE PURCHASED.			
Names.	Tons.	Amount.	
Copper Miners Company	573	£ 6,101 0 1	
Freeman and Co.	754	7,494 6 0	
P. Grenfell and Sons	1312	15,105 12 8	
Stims, Williams, Nevill, and Co.	1573	8,416 16 0	
Vivian and Sons	994	11,065 7 0	
Williams, Foster, and Co.	2220	18,082 6 1	
Mason and Elkington	230	3,294 10 4	
Hankart and Sons	629	30,957 17 0	
Charles Lambson	721	8,775 2 2	
Sweetland, Tuttle	265	2,255 3 1	
Jennings and Co.	214	2,445 18 0	
Neath Copper Company	101	929 4 0	
Pencelwdd Copper Company	89	2,419 19 0	
Total	8558	£97,249 3 6	

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, JAN. 9.—The year 1863, more than usually

Total stock in the hands of makers, and in store, Jan. 1, 1884..... 29,800

The foreign shipments in 1882 reached 145,436 tons. Last year the quantity exported, as shown above, was rather less, not exceeding 127,390 tons. Of this 66,495 tons were sent to France; 22,857 to Germany; 15,773 to Holland and Belgium; 9,912 to Denmark, Norway and Sweden; and 14,856 to Russia, Spain, Portugal, Italy and other countries. The stocks, which in 1882 were only 39,134 tons, have in 1883 been reduced still further, and at the close of the year were represented by the insignificant sum of 29,800 tons. The figures given above show a remarkable increase in the consumption of pig-iron in the markets at home, the increase over that in 1882 being 139,435 tons, and a large proportion of this has been used in the district. The foregoing statistics afford a satisfactory indication of a healthy state of trade in the Cleveland district, and give abundant proof of its progressive character. The multiplication of furnaces, rolling-mills, iron shipbuilding yards, and other manufactures connected with these branches of business, is going on with a rapidity that is truly marvellous; and increased profits are adding a new stimulus to the investment of capital in the iron trade in the district. There are 27 new furnaces building, many more are projected, and most of them are of much larger dimensions than those hitherto now in use. The effect of this increase in the district will be to make it a larger proportionate production of pig-iron, and at a lower cost. What effect this extraordinary development of the iron manufacture in Cleveland may have upon the trade in other important iron fields is a question that will admit of much speculation. An excessive production will, doubtless, tend eventually to lower prices to a minimum rate; and this will lead to a competition much more severe than has hitherto prevailed. This locality, with its vast resources and geographical advantages, need, perhaps, least of all fear the contest, and its sanguine friends may anticipate for it a favourable result. However, whether Cleveland may be able in this race of competition to outstrip its opponents, and to attain to a position of pre-eminence as an iron-producing district, is a problem that time alone can solve. What may be the future course of the pig-iron market it would, perhaps, be rash to attempt to predict, more especially as the value of this article is so materially influenced by speculative transactions, and so liable to be affected by political contingencies. Although the existing rates are high, compared with the average price of several years past, it is not probable, from the nature of the price, that any great rise is to be expected. An excessive rate, however, to which prices are now tending will only help, by stimulating an increased production, to hasten the re-action that must inevitably follow an undue expansion in the make. Nevertheless there is, meanwhile, every promise of a prosperous time for the iron trade; and, considering the long period of suffering our iron manufacturers have had to encounter, no one will begrudge them their present and anticipated good fortune.

RICHARD HOTYLL.

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LIVERPOOL, JAN. 8.—During the year 1863 the Iron Trade exhibited

LIVERPOOL, JAN. 8.—During the year 1863 the Iron Trade exhibited important changes. The shipments from this port were 287,665 tons—an increase of 37,645 tons over 1862—which show how complete has been the recovery from the prostration occasioned by the war in America. Prices also have materially advanced, as will be seen by the following remarks:—Staffordshire iron was in good demand during the earlier months at full rates. About May the workmen became very unsettled, and many of the puddlers for an advance of wages. This the makers resisted, and came into arrangements among themselves for a reduction of wages. In the middle of June the strike, however, continued and extended, and the stock of this article became almost exhausted, so that in August the makers were compelled to yield to the demands of the men, and at the same time advanced the prices of all descriptions of manufactured iron 10s. per ton. During the struggle large orders had accumulated on the makers' hands, and their supplies of coal and other materials were reduced to a minimum. This state of things has continued to the present, and the workmen have not been slow to take advantage of it, by repeated demands for higher wages. In consequence, a further advance of 20s. per ton on iron took place on Sept. 24, and another advance of 20s. per ton on Dec. 31, making 50s. per ton, in all, within five months. It was generally expected that the last advance would have been 80s. per ton, and already some of the leading makers will not sell at the prices they announced a week ago. It is not improbable, therefore, that another upward move will take place ere long, as the men at some works are again in a restless state. Welsh bars opened steadily at 6s. per ton &c. Liverpool with a fair demand, but gave way about 4s. per ton on the completion of the spring orders. In June and July they improved considerably, and went on advancing simultaneously, and almost in an equal degree with Staffordshire. The advance on the year was about 45s. per ton. Scotch pig-iron advanced, with slight fluctuations, from 54s., the cash price of warrants at the commencement of the year, to 63s. 6d. at its close. The increased production amounted to about 70,000 tons, but the shipments and home consumption increased to almost the same extent. The net addition to the stock is variously estimated from 15,000 to 30,000 tons, but it must be borne in mind that this is the quantity of hamsels in the market, and not the quantity of England. Owing to the gloomy appearance of continental affairs, and the unfavourable aspect of the money market, the price has declined since the opening of this year about 2s. per ton. The market at present is quiet. In copper no special feature occurred. "The market was flat at the commencement of the year at 105s. for sheet and bar, and on Feb. 3 a reduction

NEW INVENTIONS.

SPECIFICATIONS of recent inventions:—
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